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February 23, 1996

Brad T. Barber
Utah State Clearinghouse
Resource Development Coordinating Committee
116 State Capitol Building
Salt Lake City, Utah 84114

Dear Mr. Barber:


Re: RDCC Comments, Tentative Approval of Notice of Intention to Commence Large Mining Operations, Diamond K Gypsum Company, Diamond K Gypsum Quarry (DKG Quarry), M/015/041, Emery County Utah: State ID#UT960108-010, BLM UTU-69860

We received the RDCC comment letter of February 1, 1996, regarding the DKG Quarry expansion from small mine status to large mine status. We contacted the BLM San Rafael Resource Area and forwarded a copy of the comment letter to them. The BLM, in turn, has provided us with a response to the concerns raised in the RDCC letter. A copy of the BLM response letter is enclosed for your review.

We believe the BLM letter adequately addresses all of the concerns raised in the RDCC letter, and do not believe there is reason to delay the permitting process. Therefore, we have proceeded with our tentative approval process for the DKG Quarry. The DKG reclamation surety is scheduled to be presented by the Division to the Board of Oil, Gas and Mining at their February 28, 1996, 10:00 am hearing for approval.

Thank you for your time and attention in this matter. If you have any questions in this regard please contact me or Tony Gallegos here at the Division.

Sincerely,


D. Wayne Hedberg
Minerals Permit Supervisor

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enclosure: copy of BLM Feb. 20, 1996 letter

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